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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Deng, Ruitang, et al.

APPLICATION NO.: 09/738,847

Examiner: J. E. Angell

FILING DATE: December 15, 2000

Group Art Unit: 1635

TITLE: Compositions and Methods for Protecting
Animals from Lentivirus-Associated Disease such
as Feline Immunodeficiency Virus

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE

This is in reply to the Office Action mailed March 21, 2002, concerning the above-identified application. A 37 C.F.R. §1.136 Petition requesting a one (1) month extension of time for response from April 21, 2002 to May 21, 2002 is filed herewith.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has required restriction of the application to one of three Groups, as set forth in the March 21, 2002 Office Action. Applicants hereby elect Group I: Claims 36-44 and 51-61, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121 directed to any subject matter canceled herein.

AMENDMENT

Please cancel Claims 45-58, 50, 65-66 and 70-73.

Respectfully submitted,

Date:

May 17, 2002

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